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tion of the cohune palm, which grows in great abundance, yielding large quantities of a nut rich in fat as valuable as that of the cocoanut. The cohune palm nut has never been exploited, for it is very hard and no machine has been adapted to crack the nuts without injuring the kernels. Suitable machines, however, have now been invented and the author believes that "a new industry of great value to the colony may be established." Photographs and maps illustrate this well-written book. WILBUR GREELEY BURROUGHS.

**Conquest of the Tropics.** The story of the creative enterprises conducted by the United Fruit Company. By Frederick U. Adams. xii and 368 pp. Ills., index. Doubleday, Page & Co., Garden City, 1914. \$2. 9 x 6½.

The United Fruit Company is the main subject. The company in 1913 owned or leased 1,210,443 acres of land, of which 313,347 were improved. The difficulties the company has overcome, its stupendous operations and transportation facilities by which fruits are brought to consumers in the United States and elsewhere, an especially detailed account of the banana, the principal fruit handled by the company, and the lands in which the banana grows are among the subjects considered.

An acre of developed banana plants will yield annually from 150 to 300 bunches, with 200 bunches as a high average. The independent grower makes from \$60 to \$70 gross from an acre. The author presents the following suggestive table:

Food article	Percentage of retail price received by the farmer	Percentage of retail price received by transportation and middle men
Onions.....	10	90
Potatoes.....	14	86
Cabbages.....	20	80
Bananas.....	50	50

In 1913 the Fruit Dispatch Company alone handled for the United Fruit Company over 50,000 cars of bananas. The publishers say the book is the first of "a series planned to describe certain big businesses whose histories and operations concern and should interest the public."

WILBUR GREELEY BURROUGHS.

**And That Reminds Me.** Being incidents of a life spent at sea, and in the Andaman Islands, Burma, Australia and India. By Stanley W. Coxon. xvi and 324 pp. Ills. John Lane Co., New York, 1915. \$3.50. 9 x 6.

Stanley Coxon's life has been full of adventure. He began his career in 1875 as midshipman in the merchant service and was on sailing ships for eight years, making eight voyages round the world. Then he served on steamboats along the coast of India, worked as a camel driver during the Egyptian war, and, on returning to Rangoon, was appointed temporary first-grade officer on the Royal Indian Marine ship *Kwangtung*, which guarded the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. His next position was that of assistant district superintendent of police in Burma, where he fought dacoits. Finally, he became Assistant Commissioner at Raipur, India, and saw famine there and the relief work carried on. Throughout the book he tells not only of his own personal experiences, but also depicts the life of the countries in which he lived. He writes in a sprightly style, and his book is well illustrated with photographs.

WILBUR GREELEY BURROUGHS.

**The World and Its Discovery.** A description of the continents outside Europe based on the stories of their explorers. By H. B. Wetherill. (The Oxford Geographies.) 320 pp. Maps, index. Oxford University Press (American Branch), New York, 1914. 7½ x 5½.

In the author's words, "the object of this book is to arouse an interest in stories of discovery and then utilize it in behalf of Geography." The book is apparently intended as a sort of supplementary reader for use in English schools.